

# Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash- Wilmington

**Wilmington-** Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motorcycle crash that occurred early this morning.

On October 15, 2021, at approximately 12:40 a.m., a 2011 Yamaha FZ8 motorcycle operated by a 27-year-old Pennsylvania man was traveling southbound on Interstate 95 in the single southbound lane of travel and was approaching its interchange with Route 141. Due to active road construction in the area, Interstate 95 southbound traffic was restricted to the left most lane of travel. The Yamaha was traveling at a high rate of speed as it passed a vehicle on the left shoulder. The Yamaha then reentered the southbound lane and proceeded to travel past another vehicle on the right. At that point, the operator of the Yamaha lost control and struck the guardrail which separates Interstate 95 southbound from I-295 southbound. The operator was ejected from the motorcycle and struck two additional guardrail posts. The Yamaha came to rest within the lane of travel inside the construction area.

The 27-year-old operator of the Yamaha was pronounced deceased at the scene. His identification is pending notification to the next of kin.

The Yamaha motorcycle was a reported stolen vehicle by New Castle County Police on August 23, 2021.

Interstate 95 southbound was closed for approximately 3 hours while the collision was investigated, and the roadway cleared.

This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding the crash should contact Master

Corporal John Breen by calling 302-365-8486. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of a crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll-free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at [Debra.Reed@delaware.gov](mailto:Debra.Reed@delaware.gov).

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